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AGREEMENTS WITH OIL PRODUCERS

REF: STATE 19514

1. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR GREENWALD CASSLED ON VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES JANUARY 31 TO CONVEY POINTS RE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH OIL PRODUCERS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. SOAMES SAW NO  
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POSSIBILITY OF THE COMMUNITY TAKING ACTION BEFORE THE

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE; THE COUNCIL WILL NOT DISCUSS IT AT ITS FEBRUARY 4-5 MEETING AND THE FOREIGN MINITERS MEETING IN THE POLITICAL COOPERATION FRAMEWORK DO NOT MEET IN BONN UNTIL FEBRUARY 14 AFTER THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE USG WOULD APPRECIATE THE CARE WITH WHICH THE COMMISSION PAPER HAD BEEN DRAFTED, PARTICULARLY ON THE QUESTION OF PREFERENTIAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF TIMING, SOAMES REPORTED THAT TWO MEMBER STATES (WITHOUT IDENTIFYING THEM) ARE ANXIOUS TO PUSH AHEAD WITH COOPERATION AGREEMENTS AND HAVE URGED IN MEETINGS OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND THE MIDDLE EAST WORKING GROUP THAT AN EARLY RESPONSE SHOULD BE MADE TO THE FOUR ARAB AMBASSADORS WHO MET WITH THE FOREIGN MINITERS AT COPENHAGEN AT THE TIME OF THE SUMMIT MEETING. HE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION IS REPRESENTED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, AND HAD DISTRIBUTED ITS PAPER OF JANUARY 23 TO THE ME WORKING GROUP. THIS GROUP WILL DISCUSS THE SUBJECT ON FEBRUARY 1, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ON FEBRUARY 6-7, AND THE MINISTERS ON FEBRUARY 14--ALL THESE MEETINGS TAKING PLACE IN BONN. SOAMES SAID THE OUTCOME IS LIKELY TO BE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TELLING THE ARABS THAT THEY ARE READY TO ORGANIZE A MEETING ABOUT COOPERATION AGREEMENTS.

3. SOAMES RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS TO THE POINTS MADE BY AMBASSADOR GREENWALD ON THE BASIS OF THE REFTEL. HE UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED WASHINGTON CONCERN REGARDING THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, HE FELT THAT IT WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IN THE WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS AND THEREFORE THE MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMISSION SHOULD CONSIDER THE MATTER AMONG THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO BE READY FOR MEANINGFUL CONSULTATIONS AT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. THUS IN HIS VIEW THE US SHOULD WELCOME THE COMMUNITY'S INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS. PERSONALLY HE WOULD HAVE WISHED THE COMMUNITY TO BE FURTHER ALONG WITH ITS PREPARATIONS THAN IT IS. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE COMMISSION'S PAPER HAD BEEN WRITTEN WITH CARE AND WITH THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE A COHERENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT.

4. WE ALSO MADE THE POINTS IN REFTEL TO MICHEL VANDEN ABEEL AND PIERRE MALVE, DEPUTY CHEFS DE CABINET, RESPECTIVELY, OF COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET AND PRESIDENT ORTOLI.

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VANDEN ABEEL ALSO INDICATED THAT THE COUNCIL WILL NOT HAVE ADOPTED A COMMUNITY POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT PRIOR TO THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES, HE SAID, HAS NOT YET SCHEDULED A DISCUSSION OF THE PAPER, AND THERE IS THEREFORE NO POSSIBILITY THAT THE COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS IT AT ITS FEBRUARY 4-5 MEETING. VANDEN ABEEL ADDED THAT HE FELT THE COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH ANY OF THE POINTS WE MADE, EXCEPT FRANCE OVER THE IMPLICATION

THAT THE EC SHOULD CONSULT THE US ON THIS ISSUE. IN OUR CONVERSATION WITH HIM, MALVE NOTED THE POINTS CAREFULLY AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO PRESIDENT ORTILI. HE WAS CONCOMITTAL REGARDING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE US VIEWS.GREENWALD

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